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For: **PROCESS FOR TYPING OF HCV ISOLATES**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated December 5, 2001 (copy attached), entry of the following amendments and remarks is requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows.

Insert the attached drawings for those which were originally filed.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

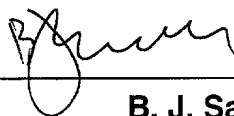
The application has been amended to include the attached drawing sheets, as required by the Notice of December 5, 2001 (copy attached). No new matter has been added. An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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